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SUBJ: VISIT OF ISRAELI FOREIGN MINISTER TO BOLIVIA

1. VISIT OF FOREIGN MINISTER OF ISRAEL, ABBA EBAN, TO LA PAZ TOOK PLACE AUGUST 13-16 WITHOUT INCIDENT, AMIDST ELABORATE SECURITY PRECAUTIONS. EBAN AND BOLIVIAN FOREIGN MINISTER GUTIERREZ SIGNED JOINT COMMUNIQUE AND RATIFIED EXISTING BILATERAL AGREEMENT ON ECONOMIC, TECHNICAL, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION, ORIGINALLY SIGNED APRIL 13, 1972 IN JERUSALEM DURING OFFICIAL VISIT BY GUTIERREZ TO ISRAEL.

2. PRIMARY RESULT OF VISIT WAS ISRAELI PROMISE TO EXTEND FURTHER ASSISTANCE TO BOLIVIA IN FOLLOWING AREAS: REFORESTATION, AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT, IRRIGATION PROJECTS, SOIL CONSERVATION, PUBLIC HEALTH AND SOCIAL SECURITY, DEVELOPMENT PLANNING, PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, TECHNICAL EXCHANGES ON FISCAL AND FINANCIAL MATTERS, AGRICULTURAL EDUCATION PROJECTS, AND INSTRUCTION IN DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATIVES THROUGH PROVISION OF SCHOLARSHIPS. ISRAEL ALSO EXPRESSED ITS "UNDERSTANDING" FOR BOLIVIA'S DESIRE TO OBTAIN AN

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OUTLET TO THE SEA. BOLIVIA, IN TURN, EXPRESSED ITS SUPPORT

FOR ISRAELI POSITION ON MIDDLE EASTERN PEACE SETTLEMENT, BASED ON "RECOGNITION OF SECURE FRONTIERS, FREELY AGREED UPON, TO BE ACHIEVED VIA "NEGOTIATIONS AMONG THE PARTIES, WITHOUT FOREIGN INTERVENTION OR PRESSURE." THE TWO COUNTRIES ARE ALSO REPORTEDLY CONSIDERING THE SIGNING OF AN EXTRADITION TREATY; IN THIS CONTEXT, EBAN TOLD THE PRESS THAT HE HAD DISCUSSED WITH GUTIERREZ THE CASE OF FORMER SS CAPTAIN KLAUS ALTMANN, WHO IS CURRENTLY IMPRISONED IN LA PAZ AWAITING THE DECISION OF THE BOLIVIAN SUPREME COURT ON EXTRADITION REQUESTS FROM FRANCE AND PERU.

3. IN ADDITION TO HEAVY SCHEDULE OF WORK SESSIONS WITH BOLIVIAN OFFICIALS, EBAN WAS GUEST OF HONOR AT LUNCHEON HOSTED BY PRESIDENT BANZER, WAS DECLARED "DISTINGUISHED GUEST" OF CITY OF LA PAZ, AND ATTENDED DIPLOMATIC RECEPTION IN HIS HONOR AT FOREIGN MINISTRY EVENING OF AUGUST 14. INTERESTINGLY, LATTER RECEPTION WAS BOYCOTTED BY DIPLOMATIC REPRESENTATIVES OF SOCIALIST COUNTRIES IN LA PAZ.

4. LA PAZ PRESS GAVE RELATIVELY HEAVY COVERAGE TO EBAN VISIT, TOGETHER WITH LIMITED BUT FAVORABLE EDITORIAL COMMENT. PRESS COMMENTARY HIGHLIGHTED SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC ACHIEVEMENTS OF STATE OF ISRAEL, TOGETHER WITH AID AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE WHICH ISRAEL CONTINUES TO PROVIDE TO BOLIVIA. FACT THAT BOLIVIA WAS ONE OF ONLY TWO LATIN AMERICAN COUNTRIES TO RECEIVE OFFICIAL VISIT FROM EBAN ON HIS CURRENT TOUR (OTHER WAS BRAZIL) ALSO CONTRIBUTED TO POSITIVE REACTION TO HIS VISIT. ALTHOUGH ISRAELI AIR FORCE ACTION IN FORCING LEBANESE COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT TO LAND IN ISRAEL OCCURED JUST AS EBAN ARRIVED IN LA PAZ, EMBASSY HAS OBSERVED NO EDITORIAL OR PUBLIC REACTION TO INCIDENT, WHICH WAS REPORTED IN STRAIGHT FACTUAL MANNER IN BOLIVIAN PRESS.  
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